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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary*

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Arrangements have been made for the seventeenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to be held at the Vigyan Bhawan conference centre, New Delhi, India, from 23 to 29 October 2002.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

2. The provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the SBSTA, proposed after consultation with the Chair, is as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of the work of the session;
   (c) Election of officers other than the Chair.
3. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
4. Methodological issues:
   (a) Review of methodological work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol;
   (b) Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;

* The submission of this document was delayed because necessary information could not be obtained in time.

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(c) Guidelines on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5);

(d) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase;

(e) Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol;

(f) Scientific and methodological assessment of contributions to climate change;

(g) Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention.

5. Development and transfer of technologies.

6. Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons.

7. "Good practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

8. Research and systematic observation.

9. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.

10. Article 6 of the Convention.

11. Other matters:

(a) Issues relating to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy;

(b) Issues relating to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol;

(c) Any other matters.

12. Report on the session.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

3. The seventeenth session of the SBSTA is scheduled to be opened by the Chair on 23 October 2002.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the SBSTA as set out in paragraph 2 above will be presented for adoption.

(b) Organization of the work of the session

5. Parties are invited to refer to the proposed schedule of work contained in annex I to the annotations to the provisional agenda of the Conference of the Parties (see FCCC/CP/2002/1/Add.1) and to consult the Daily Programme, published during the session, for a more detailed and updated schedule of work of the SBSTA.

6. Representatives of Parties and international organizations are requested to keep their oral statements as brief as possible. Those wishing to make a written statement available should bring copies for distribution.

7. The secretariat was requested to organize a workshop to explore the means of supporting the development and dissemination of methods and tools for evaluating impacts and adaptation. This workshop has been delayed pending the availability of funds. The topic will be placed on the agenda of a future session and a workshop report will be made available at that time. Also, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was requested by the SBSTA to report at each session on its activities related to the land use, land-use change and forestry sector, including the preparation of good practice guidance. Information on these activities will be presented at a side event by the IPCC. To keep this agenda more manageable, the item is not on the agenda of this session of the SBSTA.

(c) Election of officers other than the Chair

8. **Background:** Pursuant to rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the SBSTA is expected to elect its Vice-Chair and Rapporteur. The Chair will undertake consultations on this matter with the coordinators of the regional groups. Early agreement on the nominations by the regional groups will enable the SBSTA to continue its substantive work in an efficient manner. The current officers of the SBSTA will remain in office until their successors are elected.

9. **Action:** The SBSTA will be invited to elect its Vice-Chair and Rapporteur.

3. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

10. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, welcomed the presentation made by the Chair of the IPCC on current activities of the IPCC and took note of the report (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4) of a workshop which took place from 4 to 6 April 2002 in Bonn to explore information contained in the Third Assessment Report (TAR). The SBSTA agreed that the TAR should be used routinely as a useful reference for informing the deliberations on agenda items of the COP and its subsidiary bodies. In addition, the SBSTA identified three preliminary areas which could be considered by the SBSTA: research and systematic observation; scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change; and scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation.

11. The SBSTA has on its agenda the issue of research and systematic observation (agenda item 8). It is anticipated that a substantive discussion of research issues will take place under this agenda item. It

is also anticipated that future sessions of the SBSTA will consider impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change and scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of mitigation.

12. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to consider any other issues reflected in the TAR that may have implications for the work of the SBSTA under this agenda item and provide additional guidance as appropriate.

4. Methodological issues

(a) Review of methodological work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol

13. **Background:** Numerous activities relating to the development of guidelines for reporting information and to the dissemination of information on methods, guidelines, modalities and rules have been initiated under the Convention since the first session of the Conference of the Parties. The secretariat has prepared an overview of these activities to help inform Parties (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.12). The paper contains information on mandates, current activities and possible future work. The secretariat hopes that the document will stimulate consideration of the long-term strategic needs of the Convention in the area of methodologies.

14. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of the information contained in the above-mentioned document and determine whether a more comprehensive and strategic approach should be developed for work in this area and/or consider providing guidance for specific activities.

(b) Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

(i) Issues relating to guidelines under Articles 5, 7, and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

15. **Background:** The COP, by its decisions 22/CP.7 and 23/CP.7, requested the SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, to elaborate further the sections on reporting and review of information on assigned amounts and national registries, and on the expedited procedure for the review of reinstatement of eligibility to use mechanisms established under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, contained in the appendices to these decisions.

16. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, decided to consider further, at its seventeenth session, document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.3 on the pending parts of the guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol relating to reporting and review of information on assigned amounts and national registries, and invited Parties to submit their views on this matter (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 24 (c) and (e). Submissions from Parties on this issue can be found in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.18. The SBSTA also agreed upon a draft decision (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.6, annex) on the expedited procedure for the review of reinstatement of eligibility, and decided to complete its elaboration, in particular of the timing referred to in paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of the annex to that draft decision, by its seventeenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 24 (b)).

17. The COP also requested the SBSTA, at its seventeenth session, to elaborate the characteristics of the training of members of expert review teams, the terms of service for the lead reviewers of those teams and the treatment of confidential data during the review activities. Submissions from Parties on these issues can be found in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.17, FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.14 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.16. A document prepared by the secretariat to facilitate consideration of these issues by Parties contains options for the terms of service for lead reviewers and for the training of experts (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.18). The document FCCC/TP/2002/2 prepared for the sixteenth session of the SBSTA contains information on the treatment of confidential data.

18. In continuing the methodological work on adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Kyoto Protocol (decision 21/CP.7), the SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, requested the secretariat to draw up, for consideration at its seventeenth session, a proposal for the development of case studies to simulate the calculation of adjustments using the methods set out in the draft technical guidance contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.5. The proposal prepared by the secretariat can be found in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.19.

19. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in the above-mentioned documents. The SBSTA is expected to complete the work on the pending parts of the guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol referred to in paragraph 16 above, and to recommend to the COP, at its eighth session, decisions for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session. The SBSTA is also expected to elaborate conclusions on matters referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above, and a possible draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eight session.

(ii) Issues relating to registries under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol

20. **Background:** The COP, by its decision 19/CP.7, requested the SBSTA to develop technical standards for the purpose of ensuring the accurate, transparent and efficient exchange of data between national registries, the clean development mechanism (CDM) registry and the transaction log, with a view to recommending to the COP, at its eighth session, a decision on this matter, for adoption by COP/MOP 1, to facilitate the early development and establishment of national registries, as well as of the CDM registry and transaction log. The COP further requested the secretariat to develop the transaction log, with a view to establishing it no later than the second session of the COP/MOP.

21. By the same decision, the COP also requested the Chair of the SBSTA, with the assistance of the secretariat, to convene intersessional consultations with Parties and experts for the purpose of, inter alia, preparing draft technical standards for consideration by the SBSTA. Such consultations took place immediately prior to the sixteenth session of the SBSTA. The report on those consultations is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.2 and includes modalities for continuing the work on technical standards.

22. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, noted that a paper had been prepared on possible technical standards for comments by Parties. These comments are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.20. The SBSTA also noted that the secretariat, on the basis of these comments and drawing on the assistance of technical experts, is to prepare a paper to be discussed during further consultations. These consultations will take place immediately prior to the seventeenth session of the SBSTA in New Delhi, India. A report on these consultations will be contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.20 and will be available during the seventeenth session of the SBSTA.

23. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided in the above-mentioned documents and forward a draft decision on technical standards to the eighth session of the COP for its consideration and adoption, as appropriate.

(c) Guidelines on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5)

24. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, noted the need to ensure that experts participating in greenhouse gas inventory expert review teams under the Convention possess the necessary expertise. At the same session, the SBSTA decided to consider this issue, and the treatment of confidential data during the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories under the Convention and

during reviews under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol as requested in decision 23/CP.7, jointly at its seventeenth session (see para. 17 above).

25. In accordance with decision 6/CP.3, the secretariat has compiled a complete set of greenhouse gas inventory data for Annex I Parties for the period 1990–2000. This compilation is contained in document FCCC/SB/2002/INF.2. More detailed greenhouse gas inventory data complementing this document have been published electronically on the UNFCCC web site.[1]

26. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in the above-mentioned document. The SBSTA may also wish to use in its deliberations the documents related to training and the treatment of confidential data prepared under agenda item 4 (b). The SBSTA is expected to elaborate conclusions on these matters and a possible draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighth session.

(d) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase

27. **Background:** The COP, by its decision 5/CP.1, requested the subsidiary bodies to prepare, with the assistance of the secretariat, an annual synthesis report on activities implemented jointly (AIJ) under the pilot phase for its consideration (FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1). The sixth synthesis report is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/8. All reports on AIJ project activities considered in the synthesis report are available on the UNFCCC web site.[2] More information on AIJ will be provided in an oral report to the SBSTA.

28. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of the information contained in the above-mentioned document and reach agreement on a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP. It may also wish to advise the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) about any relevant issues and forward the draft decision to the SBI for further consideration, as needed.

(e) Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol

29. **Background:** The COP, by its decisions 11/CP.7 and 17/CP.7, requested the SBSTA to develop definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism (CDM) in the first commitment period, taking into account the issues of non-permanence, additionality, leakage, uncertainties and socio-economic and environmental impacts, including impacts on biodiversity and natural ecosystems, and being guided by the principles in the preamble to draft decision -/CMP.1 (LULUCF), attached to decision 11/CP.7, with the aim of adopting a decision on these definitions and modalities at COP 9, to be forwarded to COP/MOP 1.

30. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, agreed on terms of reference and an agenda for the work referred to in paragraph 29 above. It started discussions regarding definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM in the first commitment period, and agreed to continue its work on these issues at its seventeenth session. The agenda for the work calls for SBSTA, at its seventeenth session, to consider issues related to modalities for including afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism (CDM) in the first commitment period.

31. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare a note cross-referencing decisions 11/CP.7, 17/CP.7, 19/CP.7, 22/CP.7 and 23/CP.7 to the issues identified in paragraph 1 (a) and (c) of the terms of

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[1] http://unfccc.int/program/mis/ghg
[2] http://unfccc.int/program/coop/aij

reference referred to in paragraph 30 above. This note is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.11. The SBSTA also invited Parties and organizations to submit their views on issues related to modalities for the inclusion of afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM in the first commitment period. Submissions from Parties can be found in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.22. Submissions from organizations are contained in document FCCC/WEB/2002/12.[3]

32. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of the information provided in the above-mentioned documents with a view to reaching agreement on definitions of afforestation and reforestation activities under the CDM at this session, and provide further guidance, if appropriate, on issues related to modalities.

(f) Scientific and methodological assessment of contributions to climate change

33. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its fourteenth session, took note of the progress report on the review of the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil, including the conclusions of an expert meeting held in Bonn from 28 to 30 May 2001, and encouraged Parties to pursue and support the research effort on this issue and to inform the secretariat about such activities. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue to coordinate the review of this proposal, to facilitate the dissemination of information on this proposal, to organize an expert meeting to share information on the development of the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil, to broaden participation and to build scientific understanding of this subject, before its seventeenth session, and to prepare a report for that session (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/2, para. 32 (e)).

34. In March 2002, the secretariat encouraged research institutions active in the field of climate change modelling to participate in an information-sharing process. The objectives of this process is to provide, as a first step, new and comparable results on the issue of contributions to climate change that could be discussed at the expert meeting. The University of East Anglia in Norwich, United Kingdom, agreed to cooperate and assist the secretariat with this activity. It operates a web site with further information on this activity, including all results.[4]

35. In response to the mandate outlined in paragraph 33 above, the secretariat will organize an expert meeting from 25 to 27 September 2002 to assess the preliminary results provided by the participating research institutions, to encourage cooperation between developing and developed country scientists and to identify next steps, including future analysis. The report of the workshop can be found in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.14.

36. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in the document mentioned in paragraph 35 above and provide further guidance on this matter.

(g) Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention

37. **Background:** The Government of Croatia proposed a methodology for calculating its base year greenhouse gas emissions (FCCC/SBI/2001/MISC.3). The SBI, at its fifteenth session, referred this document to the SBSTA, requesting it to review the methodological aspects of the approach used by Croatia. Having noted this request, the SBSTA, at its fifteenth session, invited Parties to submit their views on this matter (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.4). The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to organize an in-depth review (IDR) of the national communication of Croatia and decided to consider this

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[3] http://maindb.unfccc.int/library/

[4] http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/unfccc_assessment/

matter further at its sixteenth session. Information on the results of the IDR is contained in document FCCC/IDR/2002/HRV.1 and Add.1.

38. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, concluded that methodological aspects of the request of Croatia, invoking flexibility under Article 4 paragraph 6 of the Convention, should be further considered at its next session, with a view to advising the SBI at its seventeenth session.

39. **Action:** The SBSTA is invited to further consider information contained in the above-mentioned documents with a view to providing advice on this matter to the SBI, which may wish to recommend a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighth session.

5. Development and transfer of technologies

40. **Background:** The COP, by its decision 4/CP.7, established an Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT). The terms of reference of the EGTT specify that the EGTT shall report on its work each year and propose a programme of work for the following year for consideration and agreement by the SBSTA (FCCC/CP/2001/13/Add.1). The EGTT convened its first meeting on 3 and 8 June 2002, coinciding with the sixteenth session of the SBSTA, to develop its work programme for the biennium 2002–2003.

41. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, adopted the proposed work programme of the EGTT contained in annex II to the report of the sixteenth session of the SBSTA (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6). One of the elements of the work programme for the year 2002–2003 is to provide advice to the SBSTA for its further consideration on issues relating to the development of a technology transfer information clearing house and the existing technology information system. The annual report of the EGTT is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/9. The second meeting of the EGTT is scheduled to take place in New Delhi, India, from 20 to 21 October, prior to the seventeenth session of the SBSTA. The Chair of the EGTT will make an oral report to the SBSTA on the results of this meeting.

42. The COP, by its decision 4/CP.7, also mandated the secretariat to consult with relevant international organizations, and solicit information on their capacities and abilities to support activities identified in the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention contained in the annex to this decision, and to report on its findings to the SBSTA at its seventeenth session (FCCC/CP/2001/13/Add.1). The preliminary results of these consultations and updated information on progress of the work of the secretariat are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/10.

43. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in the above-mentioned documents, and of the oral report of the EGTT on the second meeting, with a view to providing further guidance to the EGTT and the secretariat on their future activities. It may also wish to recommend to the COP a draft decision on the development and transfer of technologies.

6. Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons

44. **Background:** At its sixteenth session, the SBSTA considered the dissemination of policy-neutral information relating to alternatives to ozone-depleting substances that also affect the climate system to be vital, and encouraged Parties and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to make such information available. The SBSTA noted the importance of developing a balanced scientific, technical and policy-relevant information package to assist Parties and stakeholders in making informed decisions when evaluating alternatives to ozone-depleting substances, while at the same time contributing to the objectives of the Convention and the Montreal Protocol.

45. To facilitate the development of such information, the SBSTA invited the IPCC and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) of the Montreal Protocol, in consultation with other organizations, to consider the modalities, feasibility, resource implications and timing of providing such a package of information. The SBSTA further invited these organizations to communicate their replies to the secretariat for consideration by the SBSTA at its seventeenth session, with a view to deciding whether to make a further request on this issue to these bodies. It also agreed to consider at its seventeenth session the question of concluding this agenda item.

46. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of any information provided by the IPCC and TEAP. It may also wish to consider a draft decision on this matter for consideration by the COP at its eighth session.

7. "Good practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

47. **Background:** The COP, at its seventh session, by its decision 13/CP.7 on "good practices" in policies and measures, requested the SBSTA to consider at its seventeenth session the initial results obtained from the action taken pursuant to the same decision, and to report them to the COP at its eighth session with a view to considering further action.

48. The SBSTA, at its fifteenth session, requested the secretariat to compile information on policies and measures reported by Annex I Parties in their third national communications, for consideration at its seventeenth session. The interim report is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.13.

49. The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, concluded that further views from Parties were needed on the activities undertaken by Annex I Parties on "good and best practices" in implementing the relevant elements of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decision 13/CP.7 (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 45 (c)). The SBSTA agreed on a frame for defining what further steps should be taken in advancing the work on "good practices" in policies and measures of Annex I Parties in implementing the same decision. It invited Parties to submit views on the elements of this frame and on the initial results obtained from activities undertaken on "good and best practices" (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 45 (e) and (h)). Submissions from Parties are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.19.

50. The SBSTA further invited relevant international and intergovernmental organizations, including the IPCC, to present, to the SBSTA at its seventeenth session, a status report on their activities relevant to the work on "good practices" in policies and measures, and also to its future sessions. Submissions are contained in document FCCC/WEB/2002/11.[5]

51. The SBSTA agreed to further consider, at its seventeenth session, the steps to be taken in relation to issues mentioned in paragraph 49 above. The SBSTA requested the Chair of the SBSTA to organize intersessional consultations to exchange views on the issues identified in paragraph 49 above, to be held immediately before the seventeenth session of the SBSTA. It also requested the Chair of the SBSTA to report on the results of this exchange of views at its seventeenth session.

52. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to consider information contained in the above-mentioned documents. The SBSTA is expected to complete the consideration of initial actions taken pursuant to decision 13/CP.7 and any further action relating to this decision, and forward a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighth session.

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[5] http://maindb.unfccc.int/library/

8. Research and systematic observation

Research

53. **Background:** At its sixteenth session, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to invite representatives of the IPCC and international research programmes and bodies to attend the seventeenth session of the SBSTA, to provide their views on the research recommendations identified in the TAR. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize, at the same session, a question-and-answer special side event to enable Parties to have a substantive dialogue with the invited representatives. In response to this mandate, arrangements are being made by the secretariat.

54. At the same session, the SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views on priority areas of research and questions for the scientific community relevant to the Convention (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 15 (h)). Submissions from Parties on this issue can be found in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.5 and FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.15. A synthesis of those submissions is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.17.

55. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in the above-mentioned documents and the information made available at the side event. The SBSTA may wish to determine what specific role it could play with regard to climate change research, how it wishes to interact and cooperate with international research programmes, whether there are areas of research that require its particular attention and how to communicate research questions to the scientific community.

Systematic observations

56. **Background:** The COP, by its decision 5/CP.5, adopted a three-tiered approach to addressing deficiencies in the climate observing networks: regional workshops to develop project proposals (referred to below as action plans), separate Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) reports as part of national communications in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on global climate observing systems,[6] and the preparation of an adequacy report by the GCOS secretariat. The SBSTA, at its fifteenth session, encouraged the GCOS secretariat to complete the final adequacy report by the eighteenth session of the SBSTA.

57. In relation to national reporting on GCOS, the COP invited the secretariat, in cooperation with the GCOS secretariat, to develop a process for synthesizing and analysing the information submitted in accordance with the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on global climate observing systems in conjunction with their third national communications. In response to this mandate, as well as to a mandate given at the SBSTA, at its fifteenth session, the GCOS secretariat summarized information in national reports on global climate observing systems from Parties and other information relevant to the implementation of decision 5/CP.5 (see FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.10).

58. The secretariat prepared an additional compilation and synthesis of the national reports on GCOS from Annex I Parties submitted in conjunction with their third national communications as mandated by decision 5/CP.5. This report is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.15.

59. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information contained in the above-mentioned documents and any further information provided by GCOS regarding the implementation of the regional workshop programme. The SBSTA may wish to provide further *guidance to the GCOS secretariat.*

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[6] See FCCC/CP/1999/7.

9. Cooperation with relevant international organizations

Cooperation with other conventions

60. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, reconfirmed the mandate of the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/2, para. 42 (d)) and welcomed its activities, including developing a joint calendar of events relevant to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UNFCCC, and the exchange of experts. It also welcomed the technical paper of the IPCC, and the ongoing work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change under the CBD. The SBSTA welcomed the ongoing cooperation between UNFCCC and other conventions and agreements, and noted that collaboration should recognize the different mandates of the three conventions and should facilitate synergies in the implementation of the three conventions.

61. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, in cooperation with the JLG, to prepare a scoping paper to identify cross-cutting thematic areas and activities under the UNFCCC, the CBD and the UNCCD for consideration by the SBSTA at its seventeenth session. The paper is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.16.

62. The SBSTA noted the relationship of work under this agenda item to the workshop on possible synergies and joint action with other multilateral environmental conventions and agreements under Articles 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention mandated by the Conference of the Parties in decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 36. In order to make efficient use of available resources, the SBSTA proposed that the workshop identified in this decision and that proposed under this agenda item be combined (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/8, para. 41 (o)). The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its seventeenth session, thematic areas identified in the scoping paper, with a view to providing recommendations to the SBI on the terms of reference for the workshop.

63. The SBSTA agreed to further consider possible cooperation with CBD and other organizations on issues relating to forests and forest ecosystems at its seventeenth session with the aim of forwarding a decision to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its eighth session.

64. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided in the above-mentioned documents with a view to providing additional guidance to the secretariat relating to future work on this matter, as appropriate, and to recommending a decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighth session.

Cooperation with scientific organizations and United Nations bodies

65. **Background:** Concerning cooperation with scientific organizations, the SBSTA, at its fifteenth session, invited the IPCC to report at its next session and periodically thereafter on the progress of its work related to land use, land-use change and forestry.

66. Regarding cooperation with United Nations bodies, the SBSTA, at the same session, noted with appreciation the information provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) on its activities relating to climate change. The SBSTA invited WHO to make additional information on this subject available. The information will be made available at the seventeenth session of the SBSTA.

67. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided by the IPCC, the WHO and any other scientific organization or United Nations body.

10. Article 6 of the Convention

68. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, welcomed progress made in connection with the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention. It took note of the report of the pre-sessional workshop held on 2 and 3 June 2002, whose aim was to develop possible elements of an SBSTA work programme (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/11).

69. The SBSTA agreed to consider further a draft decision on a work programme as contained in FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.11/Add.1/Rev.1 at its seventeenth session. It invited Parties to submit their views on the draft decision (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 55 (l)). Submissions are contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.21.

70. The SBSTA invited the secretariat to provide information on the designation of a climate change day at its seventeenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 55 (e)). This information is contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/12.

71. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided in the above-mentioned documents with a view to recommending a decision for consideration and adoption by the COP at its eighth session.

11. Other matters

(a) Issues relating to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy

72. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, took note of proposed approaches to issues related to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy contained in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.3 and Add.1 and 2. It also took note of a report on a workshop on cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.8. The SBSTA did not complete its consideration of this issue and agreed to consider it further at its seventeenth session.

73. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to take note of information provided in the above-mentioned documents and take any appropriate action.

(b) Issues relating to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol

74. **Background:** The SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, had an initial exchange of views on issues related to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol. The SBSTA agreed to continue the consideration of this item at its seventeenth session, including the need for, timing of and elements for possible workshops, and the possibility of holding an initial workshop before its nineteenth session.

75. **Action:** The SBSTA may wish to consider this issue further and develop guidance to the secretariat relating to future work on this matter.

(c) Any other matters

76. Any other matters arising from the seventeenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies or referred to the SBSTA by the COP would be taken up under this item.

12. Report on the session

77. The SBSTA may wish to adopt conclusions and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the Chair and with the assistance of the secretariat. Subject to the availability of sufficient time for their translation, conclusions will be made available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Annex

DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its sixteenth session, held at Bonn, from 5 to 14 June 2002
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/7	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/8	Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase. Sixth synthesis report
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/9	Development and transfer of technologies. Annual report of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer. Note by the Chair of the EGTT
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/10	Development and transfer of technologies. Progress report on the the implementation of activities under decision 4/CP.7
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/11	Article 6 of the Convention. Report of the workshop to develop a work programme on Article 6 of the Convention
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/12	Article 6 of the Convention. Designation of a climate change day: procedures and resource requirements
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.11	Methodological issues. Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol. A cross-referenced overview of decisions and issues
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.12	Review of methodological work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. Overview of methodological issues relating to the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.13	"Good practices" in policies and measures. Report on policies and measures reported by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention in their third national communications
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.14	Scientific and methodological assessment of contributions to climate change. Report of the workshop
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.15	Research and systematic observation. The first compilation and synthesis of the national reports on the Global Climate Observing systems
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.16	Cooperation with relevant international organizations. Cross-cutting thematic areas and activities under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Convention on Biological Diversity and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Scoping paper

FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.17	Research and systematic observation. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: Synthesis of information on priority areas of research and questions for the science community
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.18	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Terms of service for the lead reviewers and training to ensure the competence of experts in review teams
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.19	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Articles 5,7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Proposal for case studies to simulate the calculation of adjustments under Article 5, paragraph 2 of the Kyoto Protocol
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/INF.20	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Report on the intersessional consultations on registries
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.14	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Views on the terms of service for the lead reviewers of expert review teams. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.15	Research and systematic observation. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: Views on priority areas of research and questions for the scientific community relevant to the Convention. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.16	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Views on the treatment of confidential data during the review activities under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.17	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Article 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Views on characteristics of training, subsequent assessment after completion of training and /or other means to ensure the competence of experts for participation in expert review teams. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.18	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Views on the pending parts relating to reporting and review of information on assigned amounts and national registries. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.19	"Good practices" in policies and measures: views on the initial results obtained from activities undertaken on "good and best practices" by Annex I Parties and on the elements of a frame for defining further steps to advance the work on "good practices" in policies and measures. Submissions from Parties

FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.20	Methodological issues. Guidelines under Articles 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol. Comments on the paper by the Chair of the intersessional consultations on registries entitled "Possible technical standards for national registries, the clean development mechanism registry and the transaction log under the Kyoto Protocol. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.21	Article 6 of the Convention. Views on a draft decision contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.11/Add.1/Rev.1. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.22	Methodological issues. Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol. Submissions from Parties on issues related to modalities for the inclusion of afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM in the first commitment period
FCCC/SB/2002/INF.2	Methodological issues. Guidelines on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5). Report on national greenhouse gas inventory data from Annex I Parties for 1990 to 2000

Other documents before the session

FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.5	Third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.10	Cooperation with relevant international organzations. Interim report to the sixteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the UNFCCC by the Global Climate Observing System
FCCC/CP/2001/13 and Add.1-4	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Marrakesh from 29 October to 10 November 2001
FCCC/CP/2002/1 and Add.1	Provisional agenda. Note by the Executive Secretary. Addendum. Annotations to the provisional agenda

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